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Ad group aims to document 'ghost signs'

Exchange District. Project will catalogue forgotten painted brick wall advertisements

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There are ghosts in the Exchange District, and the Advertising Association of Winnipeg has set out to track them down.

The association has launched a project documenting all of the area's ghost signs, the once eye-catching but now faded hand-painted outdoor ads on the area's historic buildings.

"They're one of these things that you see every day but don't really think about," said association president Matt Cohen of the medium that became popular in the 1890s but was virtually wiped out by the advent of billboards and vinyl banners in the 1960s. "It's part our history in the area. There's so much emphasis on preserving the buildings ... but ghost signs don't have that kind of protection ... A lot of these are literally fading from existence."

Before the signs disappear completely, Cohen and a group of volunteers are cataloguing each one and will develop a history of the products and the painters — known as wall dogs — who hung off the roof of the buildings on ropes to create them.

The research will be compiled on a website expected to launch in April.

"It'll be like a Google Maps type of thing where you can click on a marker and it'll show you the sign and all of its details," explained Cohen of ghostsigns.ca. "The idea is to have something that's interactive that can raise awareness about something that most people kind of overlook."

To kick off the project, Cohen is leading free exploratory tours of the Exchange District's ghost signs Sept. 20 and 21 in conjunction with the Winnipeg Design Festival.

ghostsigns.ca

For more information on the tours go to winnipeg-designfestival.net. Anyone with information about the signs or old photographs of them can contact Cohen by email at contact@ghostsigns.ca.

Advertising Association of Winnipeg president Matt Cohen stands in front of his favourite painted brick wall advertisement in the Exchange District. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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NASA's Curiosity rover has reached the base of Mount Sharp, its destination since landing on Mars two years ago. Officials say drilling could begin as early as next week.

City, province to fund Exchange District reno

Waterfront makeover. $7.8 million in improvements over four years

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The city and province are hoping a makeover of the Exchange District's Waterfront neighbourhood — and not cold hard cash — will drive more people and retailers to the area.

The two governments launched their joint Exchange-Waterfront Neighbourhood Development Program Thursday.

"It's about making life easier for people that want to do business here," explained area MLA Kevin Chief, the minister responsible for the City of Winnipeg. "It's about making ... this an exciting place to live."

The plan will see $7.8 million in improvements made throughout the area over the next four years, but doesn't include the $10,000 incentive for condo buyers originally part of the program.

The incentive was heralded during a council meeting last July as a unique program meant to increase the number of downtown residents.

However, the program was met with public outrage, which prompted the reallocation of $2.43 million — the portion of the $7.78 million earmarked for the subsidies — towards streetscaping, safety initiatives and marketing downtown living.

The plan outlined Thursday will see sidewalks widened, roads improved, new street lighting added, new streetscaping projects undertaken and more Exchange BIZ foot patrols added in the area. The first phase of the project is now underway and will see $1.9 million of work between Market Avenue and John Hirsch Place.

Children and Youth Opportunities Minister Kevin Chief, the minister responsible for the City of Winnipeg speaks as the city and province announced details of their joint Exchange-Waterfront Neighbourhood Development Program Thursday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

The province has also paid to bring the Peg City Car Co-Op car-sharing program into the area with two new vehicles.

Centre Venture president and CEO Ross McGowan said he is hopeful having more people living in the area will attract retailers, including a grocery store. The development corporation is currently working on a plan to increase retail activity in the neighbourhood.

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Gord Steeves said he wants to change the development review process. COLIN FAST/FOR METRO

Steeves takes aim at NIMBY battles

Changes proposed. Mayoral contender says community committee hearings are a 'circus'

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To avoid messy "not in my back yard" battles over new developments, mayoral candidate Gord Steeves has proposed major changes to the way the city reviews development applications.

Steeves said the current process creates too much political pressure for area councillors to stop controversial new projects.

"Community committee is a circus," he said. "You have hundreds of voters glaring at the committee, ready to pounce. It's one of the worst decision-making venues in Canada."

Under Steeves' proposal, community committees would be eliminated from the process, replaced by a combination of councillors and planning staff who would review development applications, and hold public hearings only if there are significant objections.

Local councillors would be encouraged to work with developers and bureaucrats at the front end, to create a project plan that works for all parties. But they wouldn't be in a position to veto a project if it became politically sensitive later on.

"The idea is that the committee will make a recommendation based on what's best for the city, not what will get the local councillor off the hook politically," Steeves said.

Dealing with heat from local residents over new developments was a challenge Steeves faced when he was councillor for the St. Vital ward.

"I was vilified for four years while I tried to build the South Winnipeg YMCA," he said. "Good projects just shouldn't be this hard. But too many city councillors get tired of the fight and bail out on the good projects, and they die."

Vogiatzakis claims he can build rapid transit for $20M

Winnipeg Transit could roll out citywide rapid bus service far quicker and more cheaply than its current plan, said mayoral hopeful Mike Vogiatzakis on Thursday.

If elected, he pledged to cancel the $590-million second phase of BRT, and spend $20 million to install transit priority signals along all major routes instead. These signals communicate wirelessly with buses as they approach intersections and change signal timing to give them more green lights.

"We could spend the rest of the money fixing our streets," he explained. "First let's fix the streets, then let's work on a transit plan that has a long-term vision that works for the people of Winnipeg."

Mike Vogiatzakis talks transit at city hall Thursday. COLIN FAST/FOR METRO

Part of Vogiatzakis's vision includes round-the-clock transit service in some areas.

"It's not fair that we don't have a bus system that runs 24 hours per day, so people who are working late shifts or getting to work early in the morning don't have a way," he said.

He said he would also introduce an annual transit pass, find a way to make transit more affordable for low-income riders, and install more heated bus shelters that are powered by solar technology.

In the long term, Vogiatzakis said, he believes light rail transit would be the best option for the city. COLIN FAST/FOR METRO

Law Society hearing

Lawyer guilty of misconduct for third time

A Winnipeg lawyer has pleaded guilty to professional misconduct for a third time.

Grant Clay, who has been a lawyer for 40 years, made the admission about his work on a criminal case in the fall of 2010.

At a Manitoba Law Society hearing on Wednesday, a panel heard his actions may have caused a lengthy delay in his client's appeal reaching court.

His licence won't be suspended, but his criminal practice will be supervised for the next 18 months. THE CANADIAN PRESS, CJOB

Meow ... ach-choo!

Humane Society offers promotion on cats with colds

The Winnipeg Humane Society is looking for homes for kitties with the sniffles.

The society has an influx of cats that have been exposed to URI (upper respiratory infection), a condition similar to the common cold. To free up space in their quarantine area, the animal shelter is offering a promotion for adopting one of the under-the-weather cats. The condition is treatable and is not transferable to humans. The cats are up for adoption for $10, which includes a booklet on how to take care of a cat with URI. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Music at the museum

Maria Aragon, The Tenors to play CMHR launch

YouTube sensation Maria Aragon and platinum-selling operatic pop performers The Tenors will perform at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights official opening ceremonies next week.

"Maria Aragon and The Tenors are globally conscious, socially aware Canadians," said museum president and CEO Stuart Murray in a release.

The museum's opening ceremonies start at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 19 and the public will get its first look inside the building through free, hour-long tours Sept. 20 and 21. METRO

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Style and Fabric Consultation

Coun. Russ Wyatt puts a question to the city's CFO Mike Ruta and other officials during Thursday's finance committee meeting. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Deficit at $22.4M, city committee told

Cross your fingers for a balmy winter. Snow clearing drained coffers

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The city's finance committee saw red on Thursday — in the financial sense.

Several city departments brought over-expenditure requests, the largest from public works due to the recent brutal winter. The city is facing a $22.4-million deficit, though officials including CFO Mike Ruta said much of that would be covered through funds owed, budget cuts and reserves.

Committee chair Coun. Russ Wyatt said the city has made up about $15 million in the latter portion of the year over the past several years and he doesn't expect that will change.

"But there's … going to probably be an impact on our reserves," he said.

The snow-clearing cost up to June was $44.3 million. The budget for all of 2014 was $32 million, and there's a new snow season on the horizon.

Brad Sacher, director of public works, said the cost of fixing roads has also gone up due to inflation, estimating the hike to be 7.5 per cent for local roads and 13.5 per cent for regional streets.

Over-expenditures

- Public Works: **$29.6M**
- Water and Waste: **$10M**
- Winnipeg Transit: **$2.3M**
- Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service: **$2.2M**
- Property and Development: **$1M**

Frozen pipes, water-main breaks cost $10M: Official

This past winter's frozen-pipes emergency cost $4 million, a city committee was told on Thursday.

Diane Sacher, director of water and waste for the City of Winnipeg, said this figure includes staff overtime, taps that ran water, reimbursement for pipe-thawing and additional equipment costs.

What is still unknown, Sacher said, is whether the provincial and federal governments will provide disaster financial assistance. A request put to them in May has not received an answer.

Sacher also said that last winter's extreme cold took a toll on the city's water mains, with 679 breaks in the first six months of 2014 — a 76 per cent increase over that same period in 2013.

Those breaks hurt the department's bottom line, as the repairs budget will likely be exceeded by $6 million.

The finance committee approved the $10-million over-expenditure, which won't have an effect on rates yet. Those won't be adjusted until the end of 2015.

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Vulnerability

Diane Sacher, director of water and waste, said the department's reports indicate the age of the pipes did not affect which ones froze faster. Instead, the biggest factor was the depth of the frost.

- However, Sacher cautioned against installing pipes deeper, since it would cost the city more to fix them.

2008 kidnapping

Man who hid his kids in Mexico gets four years in prison

A Manitoba man who kidnapped his two kids and hid them in a heavily guarded house in Mexico without access to schooling or medical care has been sentenced to four years in prison.

Kevin Maryk pleaded guilty in June to kidnapping his children in 2008 and keeping them in isolation for four years under a pseudonym. Judge Ted Lismer said Maryk abused his position of trust and deprived the children of their mother and a normal childhood.

The judge gave Maryk credit for time served — both in Canada and in Mexico — which leaves just over a year on the sentence. Maryk showed no emotion when his fate was pronounced.

Emily Cablek, who didn't know whether her children were alive or dead, said a four-year sentence doesn't reflect the harm the abduction caused. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Starting October 1, 2014, Manitoba's minimum wage for security guards will increase for four consecutive years at which time it will reach and remain at $2.25 per hour higher than the standard provincial minimum wage.

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October 1, 2016**	$0.75	
October 1, 2017**	$0.75	

* (based on minimum wage of $10.70/hr. As of October 1, 2014)

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Oscar Pistorius cleared of murder, but prison time still a possibility

South Africa. Olympian may be found guilty of culpable homicide, as judge says he 'acted too hastily and with excessive force' on night his girlfriend was killed

Oscar Pistorius cries in court in Pretoria, South Africa, Thursday, as Judge Thokozile Masipa delivers her verdict in his trial. The judge ruled out a murder conviction, but said he was negligent, raising the possibility he'll be convicted of culpable homicide. PHIL MAGAKOE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The judge in Oscar Pistorius' trial ruled out a murder conviction for the double-amputee Olympian Thursday in the shooting death of his girlfriend, but said he was negligent, raising the possibility he'll be convicted of culpable homicide.

The verdict is expected on Friday when Judge Thokozile Masipa reconvenes the judgment phase, climaxing the trial that began in March.

If Pistorius is acquitted of murder, he could still be sent to jail for a maximum of 15 years if convicted of culpable homicide. Masipa, sitting in the dais and looking down at Pistorius and the packed courtroom, said she felt Pistorius acted negligently when he fired four times through a bathroom door in his home in the predawn hours of Valentine's Day last year.

"I am of the view that the accused acted too hastily and with excessive force," Masipa said of Pistorius' actions on the fatal night. She said the prosecution had not proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Pistorius committed premeditated murder. She also ruled out a lesser murder charge. As she spoke, Pistorius began sobbing quietly on the wooden bench, his shoulders shaking.

"Did the accused fail to take steps he should have taken? Yes," Masipa said. "He failed to take any steps to avoid the death."

If Pistorius is convicted on any charge, the case will be postponed until a later sentencing hearing.

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Fateful night

The world-famous athlete has acknowledged firing the shots through the bathroom door in his home, hitting Steenkamp in the head, arm and hip area with hollow-point bullets from his 9mm pistol.

- He said he mistook her for an intruder and denied murder, but the judge said Pistorius still could have taken other action instead, like calling the police or security at his housing estate.

'Grouchy and hungry' miners all brought safely to surface

It took more than a day, but the last of 96 miners forced into shelters by fire and smoke at a Saskatchewan potash mine were finally brought to the surface Thursday night.

"We've got everyone out of the mine," said company spokesman Bill Johnson. "Certainly they were hungry and ready to be up on surface."

He said the fire at Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan's Allan mine near Saskatoon started in the engine of an underground water truck on Wednesday afternoon.

Emergency workers spent the next eight hours putting out flames and clearing smoke while the miners waited in refuge stations and sealed-off passageways.

About half made it safely to the surface overnight, before a power outage stopped some underground fans in one area from clearing smoke.

The outage prevented the others from leaving, and cut phone service to the shelters.

"Typically it doesn't take nearly this long to clear the smoke," Johnson said. "A mine is hundreds of miles of tunnels — if you don't have fans to push the air along, it takes longer for smoky air to dissipate.

"We have a pretty strict set of protocols when something like this happens, and sometimes it takes a little longer than you would like."

The miners, spread across a vast network of tunnels, made it to refuge stations or used special curtains or "brattice" to seal themselves into dead-end sections.

While the stations are stocked with food and water, those in sealed passageways had only the lunch pails they brought with them, said St. Pierre.

All had been below since their shift started at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

St. Pierre spoke with some workers after they were released, and said they were "grouchy and hungry."

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Toronto Mayor Rob Ford last month. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ford's biopsy results won't be known for another week

2 p.m. deadline. If Rob Ford is to pull out of the race for mayor, or Doug Ford enters, the deadline is Friday

Toronto's Mount Sinai hospital says the results of the biopsy of a tumour found in Mayor Rob Ford's abdomen will not be known for another week.

The 45-year-old politician was first hospitalized Wednesday after seeking treatment for "unbearable" abdominal pain.

Doctors found a "fair-sized" tumour in his abdomen.

Dr. Zane Cohen, a colorectal surgeon at Mount Sinai Hospital, said Ford is resting comfortably and has some pain, for which he's receiving medication.

Ford had abdominal surgery in 2009 to remove a tumour on his appendix. His father, Doug Ford Sr., died of colon cancer in 2006.

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Political future in limbo

Dr. Zane Cohen, who leads the team treating the mayor, said Ford will undergo an MRI on Friday.

- A gastroenterologist from Australia's leading cancer centre said doctors are likely considering colorectal cancer in Mayor Ford's case.

Great friends. South Korea's president to visit Canada later this month

South Korean President Park Geun-hye will make a state visit to Canada Sept. 20 to 22. It's the first such visit by a Korean president since 1999.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he and Park will discuss the Canada-Korea free trade agreement (tabled in the Commons in June), and developments in the Asia-Pacific region.

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President Park Geun-hye. CP/AP

Domestic assault

Rice zapped by his old high school

Ray Rice's suburban New York high school has removed his NFL jersey from its wall of fame.

The Journal News reports that New Rochelle High School also removed a placard honouring Rice from a hallway.

The Baltimore Ravens released Rice, and the NFL suspended him indefinitely on Monday after video surfaced of him punching his then-fiancée in a casino elevator.

New Rochelle students say Rice has been generous with his time and money. Rice has donated uniforms and equipment. But Athletic director Steve Young says removing the Rice jersey sends a message that "actions like this have consequences."

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Family feud

Sears class action lawsuit to proceed

A lawsuit against Sears Canada and its U.S. counterpart by its Hometown Store dealers has been granted class action status by an Ontario court.

The suit by more than 250 current and former operators of Sears Hometown Stores allege Sears Canada and Sears Roebuck and Co. made it "virtually impossible" for them to operate their stores profitably.

The dealers allege that Sears lowered commissions, reduced advertising for local stores and bypassed the franchises by selling directly to customers. They also claim Sears set their compensation and work conditions without abiding by laws.

The allegations have not been proven in court.

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Study blames brain chemical for risk-taking

Dopamine. University of B.C. research suggests 'feel-good' chemical spurs more daring behaviour from moment to moment

THANDI FLETCHER
Metro in Vancouver

Choosing to stay or fold in a game of cards is a risky decision that could be influenced by a chemical in the brain.

That's the latest finding from a University of British Columbia study that reveals how the rise and fall of dopamine, sometimes called the "feel-good" chemical, plays a key role in decisions involving risk and reward.

Researchers give examples such as investors choosing to buy or sell stocks on Wall Street or baseball players deciding to steal a base.

Senior author Stan Floresco, a professor in UBC's department of psychology, said the findings show dopamine plays an important role in everyday decisions.

"It gives us insight into how this fundamental transmitter, which is involved in reward, in movement, in cognition, is playing a relatively rapid role in guiding our behaviour on a moment-to-moment basis," he said.

Floresco said the study's findings could help scientists understand how dopamine influences such conditions as problem gambling, drug addiction and schizophrenia.

"Dysfunction of this system has been identified in a number of neuropsychiatric disorders," he said. "It gives us insight into how this system works so we might have better understanding of what happens when it's not working so well."

The study was published Thursday in the peer-reviewed journal Neuron.

A new University of B.C. study has found the rise and fall of dopamine, sometimes called the "feel-good" chemical, plays a key role in decisions involving risk and reward, such as gambling. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Scientists unveil bizarre 50-foot water-dwelling dinosaur

University of Chicago Paleontologist Paul C. Sereno stands in front of a 50-foot life-size model of a Spinosaurus at the National Geographic Society exhibit in Washington, Wednesday. The first non-bird dinosaur, which lived much of the time in water, was a cross between the fearsome creatures of Jurassic Park and the shark from Jaws, with a crocodile snout as big as a person and feet like a duck. The bizarre beast was already known to scientists from a long-ago fossil discovery, but most of those bones were destroyed during the Second World War. Now, 70 years later, a new skeleton found in Morocco reveals that the beast was far more aquatic than originally thought. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quake warning. 50 B.C. schools get new sensors

New earthquake detectors could buy precious seconds for some B.C. students to get to safety, before the ground starts shaking.

Program leader Prof. Carlos Ventura of the University of B.C. said as little as five seconds could make a difference, if it allows students a chance to duck under a desk.

Ventura, who's the director of the Earthquake Engineering Research Facility at UBC, said the detectors could give up to 40 seconds' notice before a quake hits.

Sensors are being placed on the grounds of 50 Catholic and two public schools in the Lower Mainland as part of a pilot project funded by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and the provincial government, Ventura said.

British Columbia is on a fault line and earthquake readiness has been an ongoing concern. Scientists have predicted the province is due for a major ground-shaker.

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Rare catch. Calico lobster turns up at Maine store

The owner of a Maine bait and tackle shop says she found a rare calico-coloured lobster that was caught off the state's coast. Sarah Lane says the crustacean, covered in orange blotches, appeared in a crate of lobsters brought from Bristol last weekend. The University of Maine says the odds of finding one are about one in 30 million.

Lane named the lobster "Freckles." She says the lobster will be donated to the Maine State Aquarium in West Boothbay Harbor.

A calico lobster, top, and a normal lobster sit in a bin at Bethel Bait Tackle & More in Bethel, Maine. COURTESY SARAH LANE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fijian UN troops returned safely by captors

This image, from a video posted on a militant group's social media account Thursday, depicts a few of the 45 captive UN peacekeepers who were released later that day, a promise the militant group made in the video. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Safe and sound. After two weeks of captivity, UN troops released by Syria's Nusra Front militant group

Al-Qaida-linked Syrian militants on Thursday released all 45 Fijian peacekeepers they had held captive for two weeks, bringing an end to a crisis that ensnared the UN monitoring force in the chaos of Syria's civil war.

Fighters from the Nusra Front captured the Fijian troops Aug. 28 on the Syrian-controlled side of Golan Heights, a disputed buffer zone between Israel and Syria.

The peacekeepers are reported to have been returned in good condition and were undergoing quick medical exams, a UN statement said.

The crisis raised questions about the future of the UN's decades-old Golan mission, with participating nations prepared to pull their troops from Syria due to escalating violence.

UN deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said they were released on the Syrian side of the Quneitra crossing point near Israel into Israeli-controlled Golan territory. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed the peacekeepers' release and thanked all involved in negotiating their return. One unidentified peacekeeper expressed relief upon being released.

"We're all very happy to be safe and alive," he told Israel's Channel Two news.

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ISIS. U.S. may find itself in 'a tricky situation' in striking at Islamic group

In expanding its airstrikes into Syria against extremists from the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), the U.S. may entangle itself in a storm of jihadis and rebel rivalries.

Unlike Iraq, Syria offers the U.S. no firm allies to take over areas if fighters from ISIS are pushed back. Unless the West decisively backs the outgunned moderate rebels, it risks the unintended consequence of prolonging the widely discredited rule of President Bashar Assad.

U.S. President Barack Obama said Wednesday that in the fight against ISIS, his country "cannot rely on an Assad regime that terrorizes its own people — a regime that will never regain the legitimacy it has lost."

"Instead, we must strengthen the opposition as the best counterweight to extremists like ISIL, while pursuing the political solution necessary to solve Syria's crisis once and for all," Obama said, referring to ISIS by another of its acronyms.

But to do so is complicated. In the northern and eastern parts of Syria where ISIS controls territory, the region is war-torn following three years of conflict, ripe with various loyalties and rivalries.

U.S. President Barack Obama
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Further complicating any efforts, ISIS may be hiding assets and fighters among civilians, making it difficult for the U.S. to carry out military actions.

"A tricky situation is going to be how the U.S. will ensure that it is only ISIS targets that are hit, rather than civilians and others," said Haras Rafiq of the Quilliam Foundation, a London-based think-tank.

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Syria

Airstrike on ISIS-run region kills 11

Syrian government airstrikes, including one on a crowded sheep market, killed at least 11 people on Thursday in a northern town controlled by the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), activists said.

After largely ignoring the rise of the al-Qaida splinter group over the past year, President Bashar Assad's air force has begun to target ISIS militants more regularly since the extremist faction seized control of much of northern Syria and a large part of neighbouring Iraq in June. Two activist groups, the Aleppo Media Center and the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said Thursday's air raids struck the town of al-Bab in Aleppo province.

Al-Bab is one of the ISIS strongholds in Aleppo province, where the extremists have been chipping away at territory long-held by Syria's mainstream rebels.

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Death toll at least 461 as floods overwhelm Kashmir and Punjab

Military aid. Pakistan saves thousands by boat and helicopter; India drops food for hundreds of thousands

Pakistani troops used helicopters and boats to remove thousands of marooned people from the country's plains where raging monsoon floods inundated more villages Thursday, as the Indian military dropped food for hundreds of thousands of people marooned in flood-hit areas of Indian-held Kashmir.

Pakistani and Indian officials said the death toll had reached 461 in the two countries.

Flash floods have washed away crops, damaged tens of thousands of homes and affected over a million people since Sept. 3, when heavy monsoon rains lashed Pakistan's eastern Punjab province and Kashmir, the Himalayan region claimed by both India and Pakistan.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif visited the Pakistan-administered portion of Kashmir on Thursday and told flood victims that his government would do whatever it can to rebuild their damaged homes. "I am grieved over the deaths caused by the floods," he said in a televised speech.

Ahmad Kamal, a spokesman for Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority, said 261 people have been killed and 482 injured in Pakistan. "The situation is still alarming as flood waters are entering the country's plains in the Jhang district, inundating more villages and affecting thousands," he said.

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On the ground

- The Pakistani military said it was expanding relief operations in Punjab, where the Chenab River overflowed. Troops in helicopters and boats evacuated 4,000 more people from Jhang, it said. Authorities said high floods were likely to reach the southern Sindh province later this week.
- In India, officials said Thursday 80 army and air force transport aircraft and helicopters were dropping drinking water, biscuits, baby food and food packets for hundreds of thousands of marooned people in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir.

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Sierra Leone doctor to be treated abroad for Ebola

Outbreak. Ebola virus has taken a heavy toll on health-care workers, leaving at least 135 of them dead

Health workers remove their protective clothes after carrying the body of a woman that they suspect died from the Ebola virus on Wednesday, in an area known as Clara Town in Monrovia, Liberia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another doctor from Sierra Leone who has tested positive for Ebola will be removed from the hard-hit country for medical treatment, an official said Thursday, making her the first Sierra Leonean citizen to be treated abroad.

Dr. Olivette Buck is the nation's fourth doctor to contract the disease — the three others all have died. Arrangements are being made to send her to another country for treatment, said Health Ministry spokesman Sidie Yahya Tunis.

The worst Ebola outbreak in history also has hit Guinea, Nigeria and Senegal, and has been blamed for more than 2,200 deaths across West Africa.

The disease is taking a heavy toll on health-care workers, whose jobs put them at high risk because Ebola is only transmitted through contact with the bodily fluids of people showing symptoms or dead bodies. More than 135 health workers have died in the outbreak, exacerbating shortages of doctors and nurses in countries that already had too few medical workers to begin with.

Sierra Leone and Liberia have been especially hard hit, and officials have warned that both countries could see a surge in cases soon. Sierra Leone is expecting to uncover potentially hundreds of new cases when volunteers go house to house looking for the sick during a three-day lockdown later this month. To keep up with the accelerating infection rate, Liberian Information Minister Lewis Brown told a news conference Thursday, the capital region alone needs 1,000 beds.

That squares with a World Health Organization estimate from earlier this week. The UN health agency said the county where Monrovia is located currently has only 240 beds, with 260 more on the way — only half of what's needed.

The tremendous fear surrounding the disease and the extreme measures used to contain it — such as cordoning off entire towns for days — has led to sharp criticism of Liberia's government and even calls for the president to step down.

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Burnaby denies blocking survey work on pipeline

Dispute escalates after trees cut down. Kinder Morgan wants National Energy Board to order city to allow access to mountain

A city worker sits in the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area, at the site where Kinder Morgan workers recently cut down trees. The city is seeking an injunction to prevent further damage to its trees and land. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The City of Burnaby, B.C., insists it's not attempting to block Kinder Morgan from conducting survey work related to the Trans Mountain pipeline, but says instead that it only wants its town bylaws followed.

Burnaby and Kinder Morgan have been escalating their dispute over the proposed expansion of the pipeline, with the city citing the company for cutting down trees on Burnaby Mountain, east of Vancouver.

The company has asked the National Energy Board to order Burnaby to stop blocking access to the site, pointing to another energy board ruling last month that said Kinder Morgan could proceed over the city's objections.

The city says in a letter to the energy board that it respects the company's rights under federal law, but it says the National Energy Board ruling doesn't exempt the company from complying with bylaws that protect its trees and parkland.

The city filed a lawsuit in B.C. Supreme Court this week asking for an injunction, and it says the energy board should put the issue on hold until the court process plays out.

Burnaby has been a vocal opponent of the expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline, particularly after the company changed its proposed route to tunnel through Burnaby Mountain, which is home to a conservation area.

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B.C. school strike

Province may end teachers' strike

B.C.'s education minister is no longer ruling out back-to-work legislation as an option for ending the teachers' strike.

Peter Fassbender has repeatedly rejected asking the legislature to force a solution, but he now says the government has that ultimate ability.

He backed off the position he held for months, after a vote by teachers overwhelmingly in favour of binding arbitration, declaring they will start the school year if government accepts their plan.

The minister says he's still committed to getting a negotiated settlement and contends binding arbitration would compel the province to hike taxes.

Teachers' union leader Jim Iker says arbitration is the fairest way to get a contract, and he accuses the government of being the only thing standing in the way of getting children back in classrooms.

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No shortage of can-do spirit during Kickstarter's first year

Happy anniversary. Crowdfunding website marks a successful Year 1 in Canada

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One year, 3,650 projects, 239,591 backers and $24 million in pledges: That's the story of Kickstarter's first year in Canada.

Launched in the U.S. in 2009, the popular crowdfunding platform made itself available to Canuck fund-seekers on Sept. 9, 2013. Since then, the site has helped fund an average of 10 Canadian projects per day, ranging from a Corner Gas reboot to a high-tech hockey stick.

"When we launched ... we were available to anyone in the world in terms of backers, and early on Canada turned out to be a very active place where people were pledging money from," said Kickstarter spokesperson Justin Kazmark. "And Canada has a significant creative population, so expanding there was a natural fit."

The service has been a launching pad for Canadian companies, granting them access to international customers and capital. Although domestic support for Canadian projects is high, most ideas receive two-thirds of their funding from outside the country's borders.

"I think it signifies that internationally, people have an appetite for supporting creative ideas coming out of Canada," Kazmark said.

To date, the most-funded project on Canadian Kickstarter is Vanhawks' Valour bicycle, a "smart bike" made of carbon fibre and equipped with features like GPS and haptic feedback. The Ottawa-based company turned to Kickstarter last May and raised more than $820,000.

"We were out there looking for funding to launch our bike, and Kickstarter allowed us to take a peek into the market and prove there's a massive demand out there," said Vanhwaks co-founder Ali Zahid. "It's going to change the whole ecosystem of how people get funded and start companies in Canada."

Although they believed in their product, Zahid and his colleagues were still shocked at how quickly their Kickstarter took off.

"It was a crazy experience," he said. "I didn't sleep for two weeks. We got so many press requests and questions that my phone died in the first 10 minutes."

Another Canadian success story is Aesthetec Studio's Little Robot Friends, a set of cute, anthropomorphic circuit boards that help teach people about electronics and computer programming. The project attracted more than 1,300 backers from 49 different countries, and raised more than $123,000.

Aesthetec's Mark Argo said that, like Vanhawks, Kickstarter allowed his company to gauge demand for their product, but more importantly, it let them bring that product to market in a way they were comfortable with.

"We wanted to do it right the first time, and worry about making money off it later," Argo said. "With a lot of tech products, the way you make money is to outsource as much as possible ... to places like China. But when you have this upfront source of risk-free money, it gives you the motivation — and the ability — to deliver the best thing you possibly can.

"And if that means using more expensive local labour and materials, then so be it."

As a result, every Little Robot Friend is hand-built in Toronto, using local materials from factories that Argo and his colleagues have visited.

Like Zahid, Argo believes Kickstarter can help Canadian companies achieve success without leaving home.

"There's tons of talented people here, but a lot of them have to flee the country to find opportunity," he said. "But we found that we can make something here locally in Canada, enjoy the benefits of living here and still reach a global community ... We might not be able to sell 50,000 robots in Canada, but spread that around the globe and I'm sure there's 50 niche communities willing to buy 1,000 robots."

How to kick-start your Kickstarter

metro AR **Canada's most-funded project is the Valour bicycle by Vanhawks. The bike, made of carbon fibre and featuring "performance tracking, security sensors and interactive feedback," raised $820,083. Scan the photo with your Metro News app to see the Top 10 most-funded projects in Kickstarter's first year in Canada.** CONTRIBUTED

1 Do your homework. Before Vanhawks launched their Kickstarter campaign, company co-founder Ali Zahid said he spent three months immersed on the platform, analyzing what worked and what didn't. "Kickstarter became a religion," he said.

2 Make a video. "You don't need a video to launch a project, but most successful ones have a video," Kickstarter spokesman Justin Kazmark said, "often with the creator in front of the camera."

3 Tell a story that involves your backers. "Successful projects on Kickstarter, regardless of geography, tell a compelling story.... They articulate what you're trying to bring to life and how backers can join you on that journey," said Kazmark. The Vanhawks team kept a blog throughout the process and Zahid even offered his cellphone number to backers in case they had questions or suggestions. "I used to get calls at 3 a.m., but people loved it," he said.

4 Be honest. "Our pitch wasn't some slick advertisement for a product. It was true to who we are," said Aesthetec Studio's Mark Argo. "We wanted to give off this feeling that we're a small group of passionate makers and that this is an idea that's important to us ... And afterwards a lot of people commented that they liked the tone of our pitch and our video."

5 Be prepared to follow through. "Make sure it's something you love, because if you do get backed, you have to make it," Argo said.

In review

One year of quirky projects

Soviet Bus Stops

$51,831 raised. Vancouver photographer Christopher Herwig presents a collection of photos of Soviet-era bus stops.

Castor Toothpicks

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BRU-V Protection

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Starwhal

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Rogers OK with less basic service, but not price cap

CRTC hearings. Rogers Communications also told Canada's broadcast regulator any smaller package should include channels from the U.S.

One of the country's biggest cable-service providers predicts a sea change in how Canadians get their TV programming, but rejects the idea of allowing viewers to pay for television channels one at a time.

Rogers Communications has told the country's broadcast regulator it agrees with a proposal to offer its customers a smaller basic service.

But it says the price for that service should not be capped and it should include channels from the major American TV networks, not just the Canadian ones.

Rogers' presentation to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission on Thursday highlighted the growing divergence among cable and satellite TV service providers on how to reshape the television landscape.

It also helped to reveal the complexity of the job faced by the CRTC in figuring out how to regulate the broadcasting system while providing consumers with more choice and possibly lower costs.

Rogers said while it agrees with a proposal to offer a smaller basic service, it can't leave out the U.S. networks.

"Any small basic service Rogers offers must include ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX and PBS," Rogers vice president Pam Dinsmore told the commission.

"These signals are freely available over-the-air in most of the markets we serve."

The company said it could not agree to a cap on the price of any so-called "skinny basic" service, warning that such a cap would stifle innovation and prevent it from improving its networks.

The CRTC is holding two weeks of public hearings on how people receive TV programming and how they pay for it.

One proposal on the table, which is being promoted by the federal government, would establish a so-called pick-and-pay system.

The proposal, if enacted, would allow consumers to select individual channels, on top of a smaller basic service of Canadian channels.

The CRTC is also debating the notion of capping the cost of that basic service at between $20 and $30 a month.

In its submission to the regulator Wednesday, Bell Media said it would be prepared to offer a skinny basic service and give its customers a choice of channels beyond that on an a la carte basis.

And while they gave no opinion on whether the cost of basic service should be capped, Bell executives made clear that they would be hard-pressed to offer the service for less than $27 a month — the rate charged by Quebec's Videotron for its already trimmed-down basic package.

Bell also said the U.S. television networks should not be included in skinny basic.

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U.S., Canadian stores hit

Home Depot data breach may be one of the biggest ever

Home Depot's data breach could wind up being among the largest ever for a retailer.

It confirms a theft that could have gone back as far as April and affected customers who used credit and debit cards at nearly 2,200 of its U.S. and Canadian stores.

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Pharmacist writes script

Pop, sugary drinks pulled at Nova Scotia store

A pharmacist in Cape Breton, N.S., is no longer selling soft drinks or other sugary beverages in his store, saying as a health professional he can't condone the sale of one of the top contributing substances to child obesity. METRO IN HALIFAX

To woo businesses

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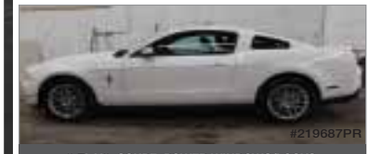
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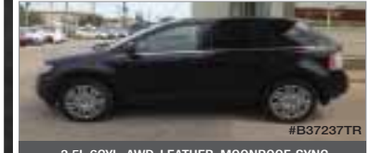
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In world news: God looked down upon the Earth and said, "These people are crazy!"

THE METRO LIST

Mike Benhaim
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1 Baby-in-waiting. Prince William once again implanted his majestic seed within the Duchess of Cambridge. "Li'l Willie" was bursting with excitement over Kate's fertile blessing. But what of the grand lady who suffers of morning infirmities no servant can unburden? Alas, when the sentiment prevails, she is left alone to toss the royal cookies. Will his graciousness be there to bind her noble tresses? Will his band of oppressive autocrats grant her the rightful leave of maternity? Sorry, I just get caught up in this game of thrones. #RoyalBaby

2 Getting served. Serena Williams joined the ranks of Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert by winning her 18th #GrandSlam on Sunday. The two legends speculated that Williams would continue to smash every record in tennis. I agree.

3 Knockout. Mike Tyson was in Toronto to promote his one-man show, The Undisputed Truth, but wasn't ready to face off with CP 24's Nathan Downer. From the bell, the host came out swinging, referring to the former champ as a convicted rapist. Tyson returned with a barrage of low blows, including unacceptable language on live TV. After the second warning, the towel was tossed and the man with the face tattoo was disqualified. Tyson received another blow with a poor showing at his debut, so the TKO goes to Downer, whose name has been uttered more in the last 24 hours than, well, ever.

4 Phablet Phever. Apple unleashed iPhone 6, and social media lit up with conflicting opinions about larger screen size. Then came the Apple Watch revelation, but techies say it's too small. I'm waiting for the day I'll need my Google Glass to see my Apple watch remind me to take my iPills so I can have sex with my iWife, smoke an e-cigarette, and search my iPad for schedules to program on Apple TV before I take out my e-teeth, get under my iBlanket and go to sleep.

5 Son of a ... Adam Cohen, son of Canadian music icon Leonard, releases his new CD this week. The singer-songwriter is his own artist, but the quality of his voice is unmistakably patrimonial. Recorded partly at dad's long-standing vacation home on the Greek island of Hydra, and at Adam's childhood home in Montreal, he called it, We Go Home. Such inspiration is not lost on me as this column was written both here and in my villa on Mount Olympus. Catch the title track on YouTube. #WeGoHome

6 Can we talk? There was little privacy surrounding the "private" funeral held for Joan Rivers last Sunday. And that's probably just how Joan would have wanted it. The memorial looked like the Tonys with appearances by Hugh Jackman, Bernadette Peters, and Whoopi Goldberg. Except for the collective realization the world had lost an icon so impactful, she was there the first time you, your children, AND your parents ever turned on a TV. She will be missed.

Let's hear it for New York

Street artist Thierry Guetta poses for a portrait in front of the mural 9/11 that he installed on the facade of the Century 21 department store in New York City. The store faces the World Trade Center where the 9/11 anniversary ceremony was held Thursday. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

9/11 remembered amid a changing ground zero

Americans marked the 13th anniversary Thursday of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, with a New York ceremony held in new surroundings.

For the first time, the new National September 11 Museum — which includes gut-wrenching artifacts and graphic photos of the attacks — is open on the attacks' anniversary. Fences have come down, integrating the site more fully with the streets, while completely opening it up to the public and camera-wielding tourists.

The ceremony itself would be familiar. A solemn reading of the names. Moments of silence to mark the precise times of tragedy. Stifled sobs of those still mourning.

But much has changed since that fateful day in 2001. A new mayor is in office, one far less linked to the attacks and their aftermath than his immediate predecessors. And a nearly completed One World Trade Center has risen 1,776 feet.

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Quoted

"Some people forget this is a cemetery. I would never go to the Holocaust museum and take a selfie."

Nancy Nee, whose firefighter brother, George Cain, was killed in the attacks

MetroTube

Fun with lights and gravity

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Fun fact: Did you know that OK Go's video antics were once referred to as Rube Goldberg Devices? Weird, right? Anyway, Japanese tech company au has stripped out all that whiz-bang rock 'n' roll to plug their new fibre optic Internet service with just such a contraption, one entirely powered by light — with an assist from gravity, of course. (au/YouTube)

SCREENGRAB

Twitter

@metropicks asked: A bear cub was filmed 'dancing' around a golf flag on a course in B.C. What was your finest run-in with a wild thing?

@CorrieBanman: My Dad reached out the car window to pet a big horned sheep. It didn't like that, reared back & rammed the side of our car.

@Iam_Canadian: I got chased by a Momma bear while tree planting. Ran, lost a boot, continued to run until I reached 4 wheeler.

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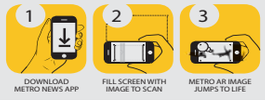

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Crime drama 'drops' the plot

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

metro AR Scan this photo with your Metro News app to watch a clip from The Drop, starring Tom Hardy and James Gandolfini. CONTRIBUTED

The Drop. Tom Hardy and James Gandolfini bring strong, nuanced acting to their roles, but it's not enough to save a tired story that seems full of holes

Richard: Steve, this is a boy-and-his-dog story, but it ain't Old Yeller.

Sure there are gun shots and a cute dog, but there is also a slow unveiling of the clues, red herrings and characters with shady pasts.

As Bob, Hardy is a cypher; kind to dogs, shy and lovesick, he's an average neighbourhood guy.

Except in this neighbourhood, average guys have pasts, and Hardy does a nice job of playing a guy who is trying to move on while the past tries to stop him in his tracks.

What did you think?

Steve: As the deadbeat bartender who may or may not be what he seems, Hardy certainly crafts a compelling character with a unique set of subtleties.

Even the gait of Bob's walk and the curious physicality of Hardy's character is distinguished and fantastically nuanced.

It's just too bad the story itself feels a bit too played out.

There's nothing quite fresh about the intertwining local gangsters and interlopers here.

Plus, a few plot ambiguities don't help keep the story clear. Or was that the red herrings?

RC: I thought of it as a slice of life, a slickly made look at the underbelly of crime, relationships and dog rearing.

Nice performances make up for some plot idiosyncrasies and the cute dog earns some goodwill for a story that doesn't so much comment on the condition of its characters as it does reveal it.

What did you think of Gandolfini in his final role?

SG: It's a bit of a bittersweet final curtain for Gandolfini — whose character is a bit morose.

But the late actor's presence is as bold as ever and, in scenes with Hardy, the two of them burn up the celluloid — especially in the movie's softer moments — as when Bob corrects the burly former bar owner about the proper pronunciation of "Chechen."

Surprisingly, the film is actually darkly humorous.

RC: Gandolfini does play to type as the Tony Soprano-Lite bar owner and while it is a part he could play in his sleep, there is something comforting about seeing him, one last time, as a conflicted tough guy. And you're right, the movie is darkly humorous, until it turns rather dark at the end.

SG: It was also a bit anticlimactic for me.

For all the mystery built up around the characters, the not-so-surprising twist at the end tries too conveniently to wrap everything together.

The film is entertaining enough but it doesn't quite add up.

Synopsis

Tom Hardy plays Bob Saginowski, a mild-mannered bartender at Cousin Marv's — a Brooklyn neighbourhood pub owned by the Chechnyan mafia. Marv's bar is sometimes used as a "drop," a place where gangsters secretly hide money until it is collected by their crime bosses. One night after work, Bob hears a dog whimpering from inside a garbage can. Lifting the lid, he finds a beaten pit bull puppy. He adopts the dog and romances Nadia, (Noomi Rapace), the woman who helps him rescue the animal, but soon a robbery, a scheme by his boss Marv (James Gandolfini) and the dog's former owner (Matthias Schoenaerts) force Bob to show his true colours. Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

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Thriller

No Good Deed

Director. Sam Miller

Stars. Taraji P. Henson, Idris Elba

Terri is a devoted wife and mother of two, living an ideal suburban life in Atlanta when Colin, a charming but dangerous escaped convict, shows up at her door claiming car trouble. Terri offers her phone to help him but soon learns that no good deed goes unpunished as she finds herself fighting for survival when he invades her home and terrorizes her family.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No reviews yet **Audience:** 90%

Kids & Family

Dolphin Tale 2

Director. Thomas Carter

Stars. Jim Caviezel, Michael Chiklis

Dolphin Tale 2 continues the story of Winter, a dolphin whose miraculous rescue and recovery (thanks to a groundbreaking prosthetic tail) made her a symbol of hope and perseverance to people around the world and inspired 2011's Dolphin Tale. The film reunites Harry Connick, Jr., Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd, Kris Kristofferson, Nathan Gamble, Cozi Zuehlsdorff, Austin Stowell, and, of course, Winter as herself.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 73% **Audience:** 85%

Mystery & Suspense

The November Man

Director. Roger Donaldson

Stars. Pierce Brosnan, Luke Bracey, Olga Kurylenko

Code-named The November Man, Peter Devereaux (Pierce Brosnan) is a lethal and highly trained ex-CIA agent, who has been enjoying a quiet life in Switzerland. When Devereaux is lured out of retirement for one last mission, he must protect valuable witness, Alice Fournier, (Olga Kurylenko). He soon uncovers this assignment marks him a target of his former friend and CIA protégé.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 33% **Audience:** 61%

Mystery/Suspense

As Above, So Below

Director. John Erick Dowdle

Stars. Perdita Weeks, Ben Feldman

Miles of twisting catacombs lie beneath the streets of Paris, the eternal home to countless souls. When a team of explorers ventures into the uncharted maze of bones, they uncover the secret of what this city of the dead was meant to contain. A journey into madness and terror.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 28% **Audience:** 44%

Drama/Sci-Fi

The Giver

Stars. Jeff Bridges, Meryl Streep, Brenton Thwaites

The haunting story of The Giver centres on Jonas (Brenton Thwaites), a young man who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colourless, world of conformity and contentment. Yet as he begins to spend time with The Giver (Jeff Bridges), who is the sole keeper of all the community's memories, Jonas quickly begins to discover the dark and deadly truths of his community's secret past.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 33% **Audience:** 66%

Documentary

Life Itself

Director. Steve James

Stars. Rober Ebert, Chaz Ebert

Acclaimed director Steve James (Hoop Dreams) and executive producers Martin Scorsese (The Departed) and Steven Zaillian (Moneyball) present Life Itself, a documentary film that recounts the inspiring and entertaining life of world-renowned film critic and social commentator Roger Ebert — a story that is by turns personal, funny, painful, and transcendent.

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Sequel. Star-studded cast hopes to recreate the magic of Now You See Me

Jesse Eiseinberg is returning for another round of magic in Now You See Me 2. CONTRIBUTED

With over $350 million in revenues worldwide, Now You See Me was one of the surprise hits of the summer 2013 box office. The follow-up, Lionsgate announced, is scheduled to open on June 10, 2016.

Directed by Louis Leterrier, Now You See Me follows a team of four magicians known for performing international bank heists live on stage and transferring the proceeds to the audience.

Fans can look forward to seeing more of the same all-star cast, as Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eiseinberg, Dave Franco, Isla Fisher, Mark Ruffalo, Morgan Freeman and Michael Caine are all expected to return for the sequel.

Written like the first movie by Ed Solomon and Peter Chiarelli, Now You See Me 2 is to be helmed by John M. Chu (G.I. Joe: Retaliation) and produced by Alex Kurtzman, Roberto Orci and Bobby Cohen.

Lionsgate also revealed Dec. 25, 2015 as the release date for Dirty Grandpa, the comedy starring Robert De Niro and Zac Efron. AFP

The doctor is in ... his taxi cab

Cabbie conundrum. Comedy takes a lighthearted look at a serious problem that highly educated immigrants across Canada face

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Vinay Virmani stars in Dr. Cabbie, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

In Dr. Cabbie, Vinay Virmani stars as Deepak, a man from New Delhi, who arrives in Toronto with a degree in medicine and dreams of following in his MD father's footsteps. Instead he is met with bureaucracy and frustration. The medical establishment in Canada doesn't accept his hard-earned degree and decree that he won't be able to practice medicine in his new country.

Virmani was inspired to write the story after taking a cab ride in Toronto.

"When you get into a cab, you form that Indian-to-Indian thing," he says. "The driver is like, 'Where are you from?'

"Canada."

'No, where are you really from?'

"It always starts off like that. Then he told me his story. I was really moved by it because here's a guy who was young and naïve when he came here, very passionate about being a doctor, and had that dream shattered.

"Then I heard about a Chinese dentist in Vancouver who was doing dental work for families who couldn't afford dental. They called him the Bedroom Dentist. So all these things played in my head."

In the film, a friend (Big Bang Theory's Kunal Nayyar) gets Deepak a job driving a cab, and one eventful night he meets Natalie, the girl of his dreams (Adrianne Palicki), and delivers her baby in the back of the hack.

When a video of the birth goes viral he becomes a something of a sensation. Soon people are flagging his taxi, looking for medical treatment.

With a thriving practice on wheels, he doles out medical advice and prescription drugs to customers from the back of his cab.

Quoted

"Through the fun and games, and the loud characters and situations, we say a doctor is a doctor is a doctor — that the Hippocratic Oath does not change just because you cross a border."

Actor Vinay Virmani

"If somebody told me a cabbie delivered a baby in a cab I would want to see that," he says.

"I would want to see how he did it. It's not far fetched to believe a video like that would go viral."

The movie is a broad comedy, but one with serious underpinnings.

"Right now we do have a doctor shortage in this country, we do have qualified PhDs not only driving cabs, but doing all sorts of work," he says, "and I really hope the movie sheds light on that, but in a fun, comedic way.

"I hope we've given integrity to the issue.

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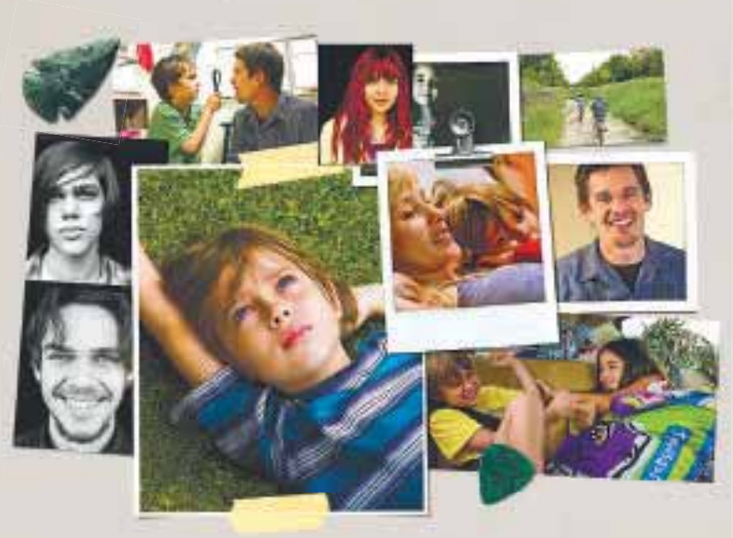

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Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG) Sat-Sun 12:50
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E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (STC) Mon 7:30 Thu 7:30
Frank Miller's Sin City: A Dame to Kill For 3D (18A) Fri 3-5:30-8-10:30 Sat-Sun 5:30-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 3-5:30-8-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20 Sat 10:55-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20 Sun-Wed 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20 Thu 1:30-4:15-7:10
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National Theatre Live: A Streetcar Named Desire (STC) Tue 7
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The November Man (14A) Fri 2:20-5-7:45-10:25 Sat 11:40-2:20-5-7:45-10:25 Sun 2:20-5-7:45-10:25 Mon 2:20-5-10:25 Tue-Thu 2:20-5-7:45-10:25
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This Is Where I Leave You (14A) Thu 9
The Trip to Italy (14A) Fri 1:30-4:10-6:55-9:40 Sat 10:55-1:30-6:55-9:40 Sun-Mon 1:30-4:10-6:55-9:40 Tue 1:30-4:10-9:40 Wed 4:10-6:55-9:40 Thu 1:30-3:55-6:20
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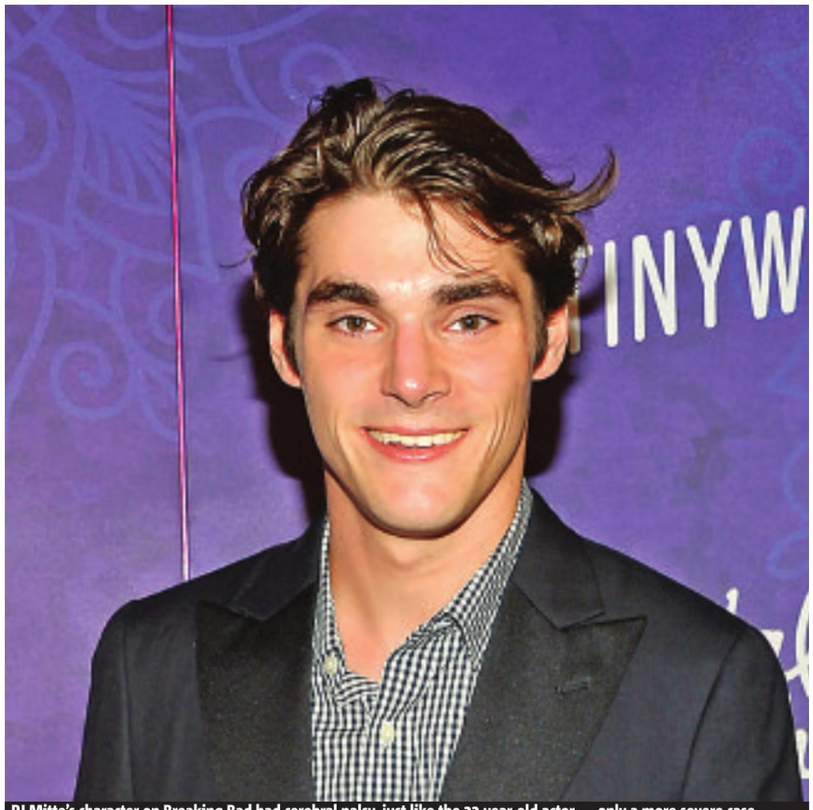

RJ Mitte's character on Breaking Bad had cerebral palsy, just like the 22-year-old actor — only a more severe case, requiring Mitte to learn to walk on crutches and slow his speech for the role. EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Breaking Bad star Mitte brings realism to disabled characters

Typecasting. Actor with cerebral palsy says he learns from roles that reflect his reality

For RJ Mitte, playing Walter White Jr. in AMC's Breaking Bad was art imitating life.

Like the 22-year-old actor, his character had cerebral palsy — just a more severe case, requiring Mitte to learn to walk on crutches and slow his speech for the role. Mitte says he also had to revisit some of the challenges he faced growing up, which served as "a great reminder" that helped him win the part.

"The past does haunt you, but it haunts you for a reason: To remind you of the mistakes and actions you've made along the way and you have to grow from those actions," he said.

Mitte says those experiences enabled him to bring something to the role that others couldn't.

"My disability has given me so many things that people will never understand unless you have it," he said in a recent interview. "Unless you've been through the physical therapy, unless you've been (through) the sweat, the tears, the family problems, the family struggles, but wondering how you're going to get that HMO, wondering how you're going to get those medical bills. You develop a different mentality and you develop a different look at how the world sees you and how you see the world." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Also true to character

Mitte isn't alone in winning roles that reflect his life: In his recently cancelled sitcom, Michael J. Fox's title character had Parkinson's disease, as he does, and both Glee and American Horror Story feature actresses with Down syndrome.

- Since the Breaking Bad finale, Mitte has played a wheelchair-bound character who suffered a spinal cord injury.
- He says other roles he's taken on include that of a young man with muscular dystrophy and another where he was "a bit mentally unstable."

Zachary Quinto and Brian Cox join TV drama The Slap

Zachary Quinto will co-star as Harry in The Slap. AFP

Zachary Quinto, the Heroes and Star Trek icon, will co-star with Emmy Award winner Brian Cox in an eight-episode TV drama centred around the admonishment of a troublesome child.

Quinto will play Harry, father of a teen son, "perennially angry but seemingly pleased with his life," as The Hollywood Reporter puts it, and a man who ends up slapping another family's kid.

Cox becomes Manolis, "stern yet magnanimous," a traditional and benevolent patriarch who tends to assume a peacemaking role.

Over the course of its run, the slap in question leads to a conflict of epic proportions as family secrets are dragged out of the closet and the whole affair threatens to destroy Harry and his extended family.

The pair are additions to a cast that already includes Mary-Louise Parker (The West Wing, Weeds) and Peter Sarsgaard (Shattered Glass, The Killing).

Sarsgaard is to play Hector, the main character and host of a social event at which the slap occurs, with Parker as his wife. Cox's Manolis would be Hector's own father.

NBC is to carry the show, having it adapted from an Australian original by scriptwriter Jon Robin Baitz, creator of 2006-2011 series Brothers & Sisters. AFP

3 songs for the weekend

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The acoustic sound of an emerging talent, another soundtrack tune from an enigmatic veteran and mourning over a game of wall ball

Cry Cry Cry/ Scott Helman

Check out this new Toronto singer-songwriter who landed a new deal with Warner Music Canada. With a debut EP entitled Songs for Friends due next month, Helman has been road-testing some of this new material.

Give Us a Kiss/ Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds

Nick's lightly fictionalized new movie, 20,000 Days on Earth — winner of some big awards at Sundance this year — is set for release in a limited run next week. This is another song from the soundtrack. Fantastic.

Scorekeeper/ Michael Feuerstack

The mournful song from this Vancouver/Montreal singer-songwriter is very pleasant, but it's even better when you see the video which is set against a game of "wall ball" shot in an anonymous Montreal gym.

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Music

Bowie to release new album

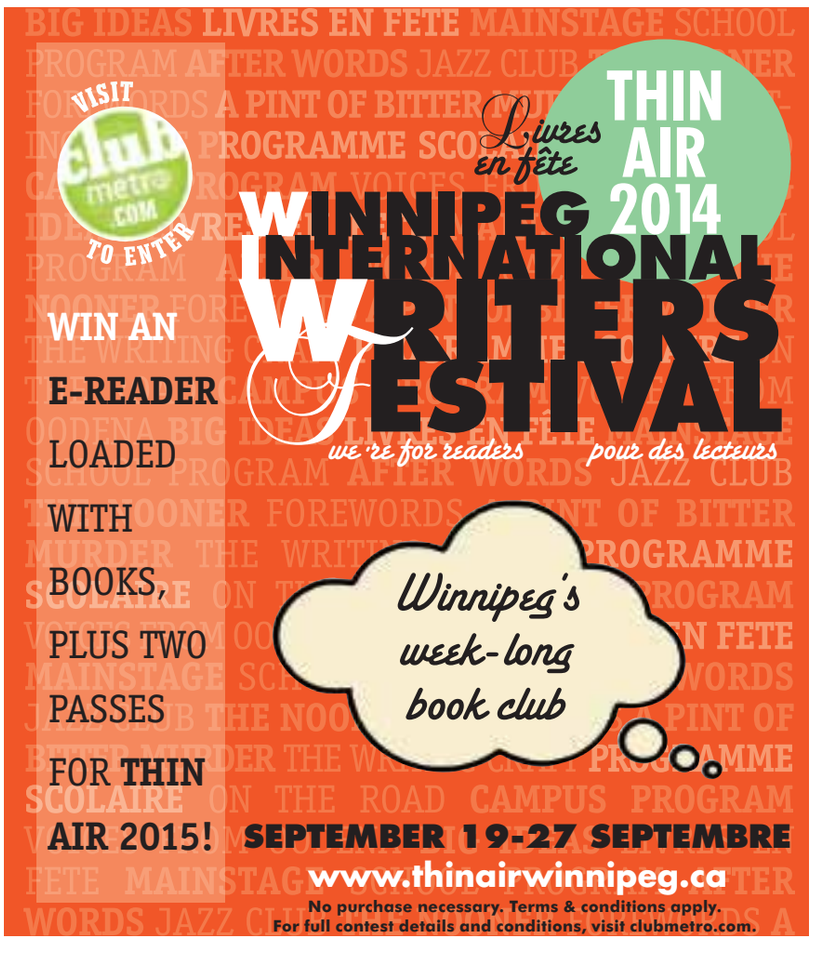
Rock icon David Bowie, who broke a decade of silence with an album last year, will release more new music in November as part of a greatest-hits collection.

The 67-year-old pioneer of glam rock will release a nearly eight-minute song entitled Sue (or In a Season of Crime) recorded with his long-time producer Tony Visconti, his label said this week.

The track will appear on Nothing Has Changed, a career-spanning compilation in editions of two or three CDs or a double-vinyl set.

The compilation will be released on Nov, 17 in Britain and Nov. 18 in the United States.

It marks the first new music for Bowie since March 2013 when he released the album The Next Day, which broke a decade-long silence and won both critical praise and commercial success. AFP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Diverse artists nominated for top British/Irish album

Mercury Prize. Blur's Damon Albarn among an eclectic group praised for their 'inventive passion'

Damon Albarn's first solo album is nominated for the Mercury Prize. AFP

Blur frontman Damon Albarn joined a diverse and obscure array of up-and-coming artists this week, as the Mercury Prize announced an eclectic shortlist for best British or Irish album.

Albarn was by far the most recognizable name among the nominees for best album, with his debut solo work Everyday Robots, which marks a departure from his trademark Britpop sound and features more personal ruminations on technology and loneliness.

But the nominees for the award, which will be announced Oct. 30, were largely obscure artists, with indie rockers the Bombay Bicycle Club the only other big name.

Judge chair Simon Firth said the nominations show that it's "fascinating times" for British music.

"What most impressed the judges was the inventive passion with which musicians explore music and emotional possibilities, refusing to be pinned down by rules or genre," Firth said.

Other nominees include Anna Calvi, known for her intensely charged guitar and soaring vocals; Polar Bear, a jazz band that experiments with electronic elements; poet Kate Tempest, for a rap album linking each song to a chapter in her novel; FKA twigs, an accomplished dancer who merges her R&B singing with trip-hop; psychedelic-influenced funksters Jungle; jazz trio GoGo Penguin; Cuban-trained singer Nick Mulvey; rockers Royal Blood; and Young Fathers, an experimental hip-hop trio with African roots from Scotland.

The relatively obscure nominee list came after past criticism that the Mercury has endeared itself to mainstream artists.

Albarn was involved in one of the biggest spats over the Mercury in 2001, when his lighthearted virtual cartoon band Gorillaz asked to be taken out of the nominations, saying the award would be like a "dead albatross" around their necks.

He did not seem upset at the recognition of his solo work, with his Twitter and Facebook pages both making note of the nomination. AFP

Dan Konopka, Andy Ross, Tim Nordwind and Damian Kulash of OK GO. GETTY IMAGES

OK Go returns, as inventive as ever

Upside Out. Video masterminds release their first new music since 2008, leading up to a full-length album being released Oct. 14

LISA WEIDENFELD
Metro New York

Earlier this summer, music video masterminds OK Go returned with a new creation: a series of optical illusions set to a new song, The Writing's on the Wall.

The song, part of a new EP called Upside Out, is the first new music from the band since their 2008 album, Of the Blue Colour of the Sky. A full-length album, Hungry Ghosts, is due out Oct. 14.

Lead singer Damian Kulash says that's pretty normal for the band, which generally takes about four years to make a new album.

"We take so long making records in part because we're not the fastest songwriters on the planet, but in part because we spend so much time touring and making videos," he explains.

It's apparently pretty complicated to build and operate a massive Rube Goldberg device, as they did for This Too Shall Pass.

A few things have changed about the writing process over the years, though.

Kulash pointed to the band's desire to write more "undirectedly," by which he means letting the music dictate what a song will be about, rather than starting with an idea and working backwards to it.

The result is what Kulash calls a more focused album, despite the more relaxed songwriting method, which he thinks allows for music that's more varied in scope.

"I kind of hate writing lyrics," Kulash admits. "I have so much fun playing with the sounds, and then you wind up with this music, where if things have gone right, it goes in five directions at once. It's something that you can't communicate, or at least I can't communicate verbally."

He points to the way writing the music itself can create a sound with "lust and fury and joy and melancholy all at once." Setting all of that to actual words can mean letting go of some of that feeling.

"When something is both joyful and melancholic at the same time, do you write melancholic lyrics or do you write joyful lyrics?

"Words are so specific. They always have to mean something so literal."

Despite the songwriting challenges, Kulash seems pretty happy with the result.

For those who were big fans of the Blue Colour album, Kulash says the new album "feels like it has a lot of the same sonic textures, but is a much more concise and to-the-point record."

Quoted

"When something is both joyful and melancholic at the same time, do you write melancholic lyrics or do you write joyful lyrics? Words are so specific. They always have to mean something so literal."

Damian Kulash, OK Go lead singer, on creating the band's new album

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Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Prenup's the Pitts for Brad — if he cheats, Angie gets the kids

So maybe it took so long for Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt to tie the knot because they were working on their massive, heavily detailed prenup. Star magazine claims to have details on the document, which "was encouraged by their lawyers" and "is the best way to protect their kids," according to a source.

And considering the murky circumstances by which Pitt and Jolie first came together, it's maybe not so surprising that the agreement has a pretty stringent infidelity clause. "If Brad gets too serious with another woman while they are married, (Jolie) will get primary custody if they split."

Katy Perry

That's some zesty Diplo Katy's been tucking into

A musical collaboration between Katy Perry and EDM artist Diplo has reportedly spawned something more intimate, as a loose-lipped source close to the singer tells Radar Online that the pair have been spending more quality time together since first cosying up to each other in April. "When Katy and Diplo first hooked up, it was sort of premeditated. But they are very much in lust with each other right now," the pal says. "They are just having a lot of fun right now, which is something that lacked in her previous relationship (with John Mayer). Katy does want kids one day but definitely not right now. She thought that she was going to have kids with John, but that ended when she caught him cheating."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Searching for a migraine of truth in Kanye's Aussie ER visit

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Metro in Hollywood

Kanye West was hospitalized in Australia this week, and depending on what you read, he either had a frightening, life-threatening seizure or it was just a really bad headache and he's fine. "He just suffered a migraine and went to the hospital simply as a precaution," a rep for the rapper says, pointing out that West made it to the stage for a concert just a few hours later. But a woman who was present at the hospital tells Women's Day a much more alarming story. "My daughter was having an MRI. Shortly after it began, security burst in and cleared the area," Loraine Terry says. "Everyone was moved out of the waiting and consulting rooms. We were the only ones left apart from doctors and nurses. We couldn't leave as the MRI wasn't finished. Next thing we knew, Kanye was stretchered in surrounded by security. He had one side of his face covered with something white. We were shocked because it looked so serious. Everyone was massively panicked." So, who's right? It's a trick question — they both are. Because honestly, West would probably have an entire floor of a hospital cleared for a hangnail, so this seems like a proportional response to a migraine for him.

Nick Cannon

So much for his devotion to Mimi. Nick's looking for a new dream girl already

Well, that was fast. Barely a week after proclaiming his undying love for estranged wife Mariah Carey, Nick Cannon is ready to move on, according to Radar Online. "Nick is so over all of this drama. He is just ready to get back to work and doesn't care what Mariah says about him," a source says. "She is the one who messed it all up, not Nick. He is just ready to start over and find a woman that will treat him right."

Taraji P. Henson

No Good Deed star stoked to prove naysayers wrong

Taraji P. Henson has a bone to pick with Hollywood. Despite being an Academy Award-nominated actress, "I'm treated like I'm on the D-list," Henson tells Ebony magazine. "I'm still being considered with actresses who haven't done half the stuff I've achieved." But while she's clearly miffed about the ongoing treatment, the No Good Deed star isn't letting it keep her down. "When people tell me no, I get hyped," she says. "Because when I prove that I can and will, I love watching people eat crow."

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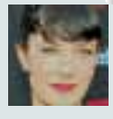

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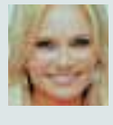

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Celery is 95% water and 100% not pizza.

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Bagels work over-time as noon option

Inspired Lunches Week.
These Spicy Chicken Salad Bagels reinvent breakfast staple

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This recipe makes six sandwiches. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Ingredients

Spicy Cream Cheese
- 1/2 lb (250 g) cream cheese, softened
- 1 jalapeno, seeded and finely chopped
- 2 green onions, finely chopped
- 1/2 lime, the juice only

Chicken Salad
- 1/2 avocado, diced
- 1/2 lime, the juice only
- 1 cup (250 ml) diced cooked chicken
- 3/4 cup (180 ml) canned corn kernels, drained
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) sour cream
- 1 plum tomato, seeded and diced
- 1 celery stalk, diced
- 1 green onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped fresh cilantro
- 5 to 6 drops Tabasco sauce
- Salt and pepper

Assembly
- 6 bagels, toasted if desired
- 1 yellow bell pepper, sliced into thin rings
- 6 Boston lettuce leaves
- Salt and pepper

For years, my daughters complained about the so-called boring sandwiches we made them for lunch. One day, we swapped the bread for tortillas and the results were magical.

The next time we opted for a bagel. All of a sudden, lunch was exciting!

And, of course, chicken is always a crowd-pleaser — you can't go wrong.

Spicy Cream Cheese

1. In a bowl, combine all the ingredients with a fork. Season with salt. Keep this mixture refrigerated.

Chicken Salad

2. In a bowl, combine the avocado and lime juice. Add the remaining ingredients. Season with salt and pepper. Keep refrigerated.

Assembly

3. Cut the bagels in half horizontally. Spread with the spicy cream cheese. Add two bell pepper slices and a lettuce leaf on one side. Top with the chicken salad. Close the sandwich.

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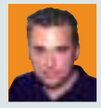
Liquid Assets

Pour your way into fall



LIQUID ASSETS
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While we may be a couple of weeks away from the start of fall, in my neck of the vineyards the crisp temperatures of autumn have arrived way too soon.

As I say adios to summer — and wrap myself in a fluffy duvet at night — I think about wines that reflect the change in season.

Savoury reds, those with robust fruit and a hint of rustic charm, top my list for fall. Northern Italy knows savoury, whether it be the muscular reds from Piedmont's Barolo and Barbaresco or lighter fare from Vento's Valpolicella and Bardolino.

Valpolicella's ripasso wines strike a nice balance between easy-drinking and full-bodied. Made with juice that has soaked with the skins from the grapes that make the powerful Amarone-style wines, they taste as good on their own as they do with spaghetti and meatballs and stew.

Zonin's 2012 Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso ($17.45 - $19.99) has a classic cherry aroma and dark berries and more cherries on the palate. Though dry, there's a soft suggestion of sweet plums that adds to its warming character.

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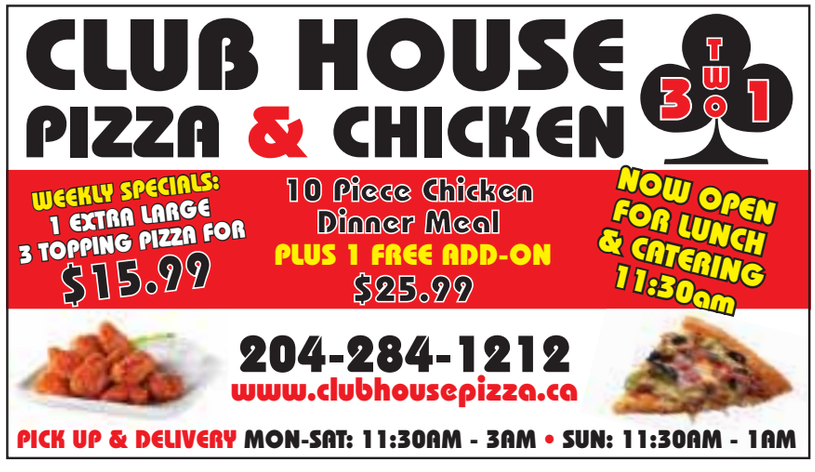

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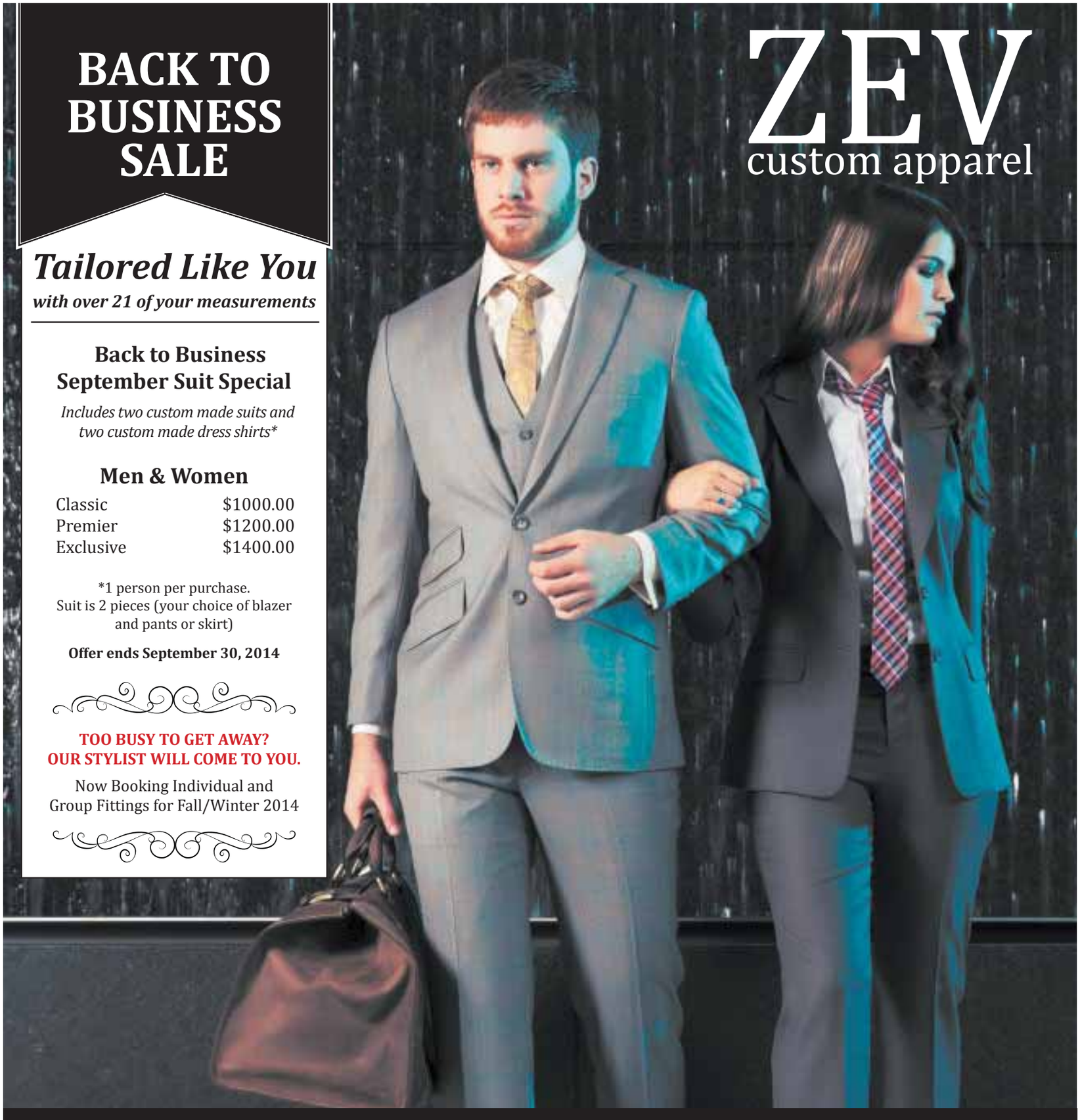

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4 SPORTS

Eskimos

Reilly says thumb is 'good enough to play football'

Edmonton Eskimo quarterback Mike Reilly wasn't eager to shake hands with a reporter Thursday but pronounced himself ready to take his injured thumb into battle Friday against the Montreal Alouettes.

"It's not 100 per cent but it's good enough to play football and play at a high level," Reilly said of his injured thumb.

Reilly's injured thumb on his throwing hand has kept him out of the last two games, both losses to Calgary. His return is welcome news for Edmonton's offence that will be looking for more consistency to try to end a two-game losing streak. The losses have dropped the Eskimos to 7-3 and into third place in the West. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tour Championship

Kirk, Horschel tied for lead after the first round

Chris Kirk and Billy Horschel took a big step Thursday toward the biggest payoff in golf.

Both players have already won FedEx Cup playoff events to earn the top two seeds going into the Tour Championship. Playing together in the last group at East Lake, they both made late birdies and were tied for the lead at 4-under 66.

If either of them were to win the Tour Championship, they would capture the FedEx Cup and the $10-million bonus.

Masters champion Bubba Watson was one of four golfers to shoot a 67. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ehlers is hungry for ice time — NHL ice, that is

Eager to play. Jets' top draft pick ready to show off his skills along with other prospects at Young Stars tournament

The Winnipeg Jets' top draft pick from 2014 makes no bones about wanting to crack their roster right away, even though Nikolaj Ehlers may know it's a longshot.

"Yes, I mean I want to play, I want to give everything I have to make the team this year," said Ehlers, as 24 of the team's young prospects skated together Thursday for the first time since July.

"But I'm not the one making the decision. The only thing I can do is give my best every single day, every single practice, workout, game. And that's what I'm going to do."

At 18, Ehlers is one of the youngest prospects, but his resumé from just one year in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League shows the kind of talent he possesses: 49 goals and 104 points, rookie of the year and the Mike Bossy Trophy as the top professional prospect. He capped it with CHL rookie-of-the-year honours.

Keith McCambridge, coach of the Jets AHL farm team. the St. John's IceCaps, will be taking Ehlers and the 23 other top-rated prospects to the Young Stars tournament in Penticton, B.C., this weekend. They'll face off against their counterparts in the Vancouver Canucks, Edmonton Oilers and Calgary Flames organizations.

"Obviously, you can see why he was drafted where he was," McCambridge says of Ehlers, whom he has seen up close only twice, once Thursday and earlier at the Jets' prospect camp in July.

Ehlers has the kind of speed that makes a hockey scout's eyes blink twice and looks like he was born on skates.

"You can see why he was able to put up the numbers he put up in the Quebec league. It will be again a nice test to see how he looks in these games."

Ehlers is on a line with Scott Kosmachuk, 20, another junior star from the Ontario league, and Adam Lowry, 21, who has graduated from junior to the IceCaps, where McCambridge said he saw the six-foot-five centre grow — figuratively, at least.

"He was a really strong contributor for us in the back half and a really important guy in the playoffs," said McCambridge, who took the IceCaps to the Calder Cup final.

Lowry is ready for the weekend.

"Your third time going into the Young Stars tournament you definitely know what to expect," he says.

"It doesn't change anything. You obviously want to go in there and be an impact player and make an impression going into main camp."

Lowry may be a late bloomer compared to some but he brings size to the line he will play on in Penticton and, with 17 goals and 16 assists in 64 games in the AHL last season, has played at a higher level than Kosmachuk or Ehlers have yet seen.

Another AHL player who could be close to making the transition to the NHL is defenceman Josh Morrissey. He saw only eight games with the IceCaps last season in the playoffs, though, and spent the bulk of 2013-14 as captain of the Prince Albert Raiders in the WHL, where he had 28 goals and 45 assists in just 59 games.

"I thought for a young defenceman he was excellent," says McCambridge, who praises his skating, hockey vision and the kind of presence that people notice when he walks into a room. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nikolaj Ehlers, the Jets' top pick from the NHL draft, says he's going "to give everything I have to make the team this year." BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

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"You can see why (Ehlers) was able to put up the numbers he put up in the Quebec league."

Keith McCambridge, coach of the Jets AHL farm team, the St. John's IceCaps

Goals, goals and goals

49

Jets rookie Nikolaj Ehlers scored 49 goals and 104 points in his one season in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League

Rule changes. Diving will draw harsher punishment

Repeat offenders for diving and their coaches will face harsher punishments as part of a series of rule changes the NHL announced.

Under rules in effect for the upcoming season, a player will receive a warning for his first offence, be fined $2,000 US for his second, $3,000 for his third, $4,000 for his fourth and $5,000 each for his fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth embellishment penalties.

His coach will also get fined.

The goal is to cut down on embellishment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

For more details on this rule change and others that were announced Thursday, go to metronews.ca.

Winter Classic

NHL cuts ties with HBO for 24/7

HBO will not broadcast 24/7 leading up to this season's Winter Classic, a spokesman for the network told The Canadian Press.

An NHL spokesman said the league would announce plans for its new Winter Classic all-access show partner, Sept. 23 in Washington. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Back at '100 per cent.' Ovechkin says his knee is healed for new season

Washington Capitals' captain Alex Ovechkin says the right knee he injured at the hockey world championship is fine and he's been working out for the past month or so.

Speaking to reporters Thursday, about a week before training camp opens, the three-time NHL MVP said, "My knee doesn't bother me.... Everything feels fine and 100 per cent."

He says it took about two months for his knee to heal after he took a hit at the world championship in May.

The Capitals missed the playoffs for the first time in seven years last season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A's spectacular slump: There's no end in sight

Free fall. 'We're playing for our lives now,' says Melvin after 11th loss in 14 games

Coco Crisp of the Oakland A's makes a catch as he collides with Jonny Gomes, standing, on Thursday in Chicago, Ill. DAVID BANKS/GETTY IMAGES

Their chances of winning the AL West have pretty much slipped away. Now, the Oakland Athletics need to score some runs before they lose a playoff spot altogether.

The A's continued their free-fall Thursday, when Chris Sale bested Scott Kazmir in a brilliant pitchers' duel. Light-hitting Marcus Semien homered for the only run and the Chicago White Sox won 1-0.

The A's lost for the 11th time in 14 games. Their lead in the AL wild-card race dwindled to one game over Detroit, 1-1/2 over Seattle and 3-1/2 over the Toronto Blue Jays and Cleveland Indians.

"We're playing for our lives now," manager Bob Melvin conceded. "I mean, that's just the way it is. We put ourselves in this position."

Once leading the division, the A's began the day nine games behind the Los Angeles Angels. Oakland starts a three-game showdown in Seattle on Friday night.

Facing Sale, Oakland posed its only threat in the eighth, when Jed Lowrie singled and Alberto Callaspo drew a two-out walk. Coco Crisp bounced out to end the inning.

"Right up there," Lowrie said when asked where Sale ranked among starting pitchers. "Off-hand, I can't give you a number, but he's one of the better ones in the game."

Yet the A's have had to tip their caps too many times since the All-Star break. They've scored more than three runs only 15 times in the 39 games since slugger Yoenis Cespedes was traded to Boston on July 31.

Melvin suggested his team might need to get back to its loose ways again.

"We've been two different teams — the one that played through July and the one that's at this point right now," he said.

"We're trying as a staff to stay positive. At times, I get upset. At times, you have to be supportive. Today they were trying. They were trying as hard as they could. Sometimes maybe you have to try a little easier," he said.

"It's a tough run that we're facing right now," Kazmir said. "The only way to get out of it is to stay positive and keep battling."

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Americans romp to final

U.S. centre DeMarcus Cousins vies with Lithuanian centre Jonas Valanciunas during their FIBA World Cup semifina, Thursday in Barcelona. The U.S. won 96-68 and faces the France-Serbia winner in Sunday's final in Madrid. **Scan the image with the Metro News app for a gallery from the game.** LUIS GENE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Rangers sign Malone, Moore

Just days before the start of training camp, the Eastern Conference champion New York Rangers reached deals with restricted free agent defenceman John Moore and veteran forward Ryan Malone. Both contracts were announced Thursday.

Malone agreed to a one-year, two-way deal that will pay him $700,000 if he is in the NHL and $100,000 if he plays in the AHL.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you need to ask someone for a financial favour, do so now while they are in a generous mood. When it comes to creative endeavors don't sell yourself short.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
A rival may appear to have an advantage because they are prepared to use dishonest methods but their tactics will rebound on them.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
With Mars moving into your opposite sign you may find that minor problems loom a lot larger than before. You'll find ways to deal with them.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
This should be a day to remember. New friendships will be made with ease and existing relationships will improve dramatically. The more you open up to others, the more they will open up to you.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Any bad feelings you have about a career move you are planning to make will disappear over the next 24 hours. The only thing worth fearing is fear itself.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your confidence may dip today but it's nothing to worry about. As Mars moves into one of the more sensitive areas of your chart, keep your head down.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
No matter how ambitious a Libra you may be there are more important things in life than material success, and today you will be reminded what they are.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This will be a day of fun but make the most of it because Mars will be disrupting things over the weekend. If there is something you can do to reduce chances of disorder, do it now.

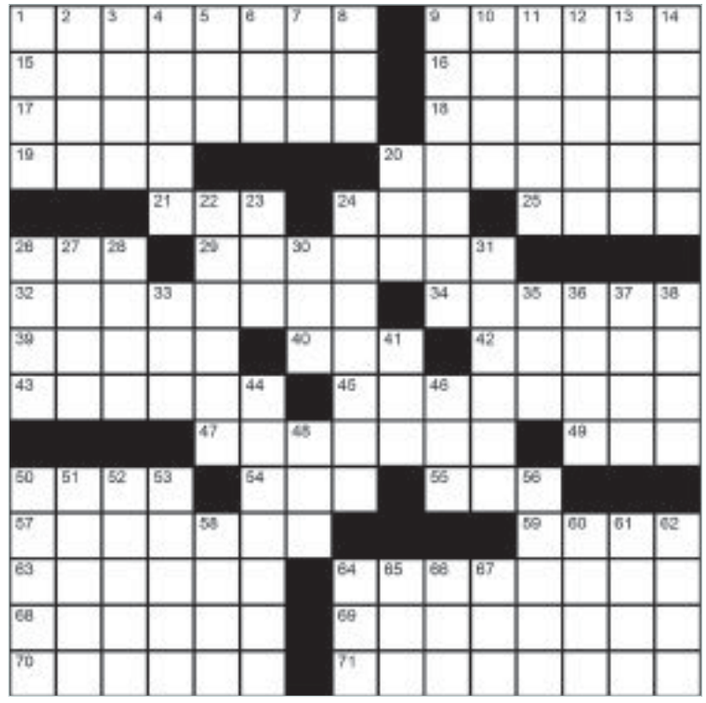
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Come the weekend you will be free to express yourself in ways that may not have been possible before. However, you will also have to exercise a certain amount of self-discipline.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
There comes a time when the old must give way to the new and according to the planets you are approaching that time. Don't worry. Changes are good and just what you need.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you feel drained, you must take it as a sign that you need to slow down. A short rest now will do wonders for your energy levels during the early part of next week.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You need to give up on a personal vendetta. Confrontations like this are not worth it. Let it go. You'll feel better for it.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Canadian hero who ran the Marathon of Hope in 1980 to raise money for cancer research: 2 wds.
9. Proclamations
15. Gossamer
16. Reserved
17. Bedroom pieces
18. Outfitted one
19. Chair
20. Agricultural activity
21. Stockholm is its cap.
24. Auto
25. Fully satisfy
26. Extinct bird of New Zealand
29. Amaretto flavourings
32. 1993 chart-topper for #38-Down
34. C-a-n-a-d-i-... (Works out the letters)
39. "War" singer Edwin
40. Fleur-de-__
42. Plane, in Paris
43. Rich cakes
45. "Heartbeat - It's a Love Beat": 1973 hit for Canadian band The __ Family
47. Hiawatha's grandmother in Longfellow's poem
49. __ truck
50. Soapbox
54. "__ and Bill" (1930) starring #51-Down
55. Bird beak
57. Brangelina, now
59. 24-hr. bankers
63. '90s series, "The Adventures of __ County, Jr."
64. BASE Jumping outfit
68. Actress Ms. Brennan
69. Canadian energy company
70. Associate
71. Congeniality

Down
1. Mr. Danson's
2. Raison d'__
3. Ms. Perlman
4. Musical pauses
5. Decade divs.
6. Membership __
7. Paddle
8. T-shirts sizes
9. Kathleen __, Ottawa-born singer/songwriter
10. __ Lake, Nfld.
11. Islamic leaders
12. Governing body of The Vatican
13. Southern Ontario: __-Severn Waterway
14. Twilled fabric
20. Rooter
22. Mr. Christie who plays Sergeant Mark Cross on CTV's "Motive"
23. __ tree
24. __ Avenue (Trendy locale in Winnipeg)
26. Light fog
27. Aware of a trick: 2 wds.
28. Way off
30. "thirtysomething" actress Ms. Harris
31. Slimly spread
33. Bit of food
35. Little __ (Singer of #37-Down)
36. Dryer buildup
37. "The __-Motion"
38. Toronto-born rapper aka Darrin O'Brien
41. Theological sch.
44. "__ Who's Cool" by Vancouver band Odds
46. Detective __ Tutuola (Character played by #58-Down)
48. Mr. Rock
50. Model/actress Ms. Rose
51. Cobourg, ON born actress Ms. Dressler
52. Flatfish type
53. By land __ __
56. Bathroom bowl
58. "Law & Order: SVU" actor
60. Slang sassiness
61. "Top Gun" (1986) flying foes
62. Jeanne d'Arc, et al.
64. Hair care brand
65. Pasta suffix
66. SNL's network
67. Crete's country, curtly

Yesterday's Crossword

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	9		8			6		
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		4			3			

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	3	1	7	5	4	8	9	6
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6	9	7	2	4	1	3	8	5
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